



# Egremont News

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## Selectboard:

The new fence has been installed at the South Egremont School. Yes it was put in backwards. In the summer of 2020 we will fix the front portion. The playground is delayed now until the summer of 2020 thanks to old man winter.



*(South Egremont School fence. Photo credit Jeremy Wells.)*

Census workers are in Egremont verifying addresses. Census workers will have a federally issued ID. Ask to see it. The actual census forms will not go out until spring. It is important, so please respond immediately. If you do not you get multiple notices and eventually a person at the door.

The Moderator and the Board have appointed a three member, non-paid, Regional School Planning Committee consisting of Selectman George McGurn, Finance Committee member Thomas Berkel and School Committee member Marcella Bush. This Committee will join with Committee members appointed by the Moderators and Selectboards of the member towns of both the South Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District to conduct formal discussions surrounding the consolidation, in some form, of both School Districts.

The Board has applied for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to the Department of Education

for a grant to pay for consulting and legal counsel to aid in the school district consolidation discussions.

## Annual Town Meeting Schedule:

Town Meeting: May 5, 2020

Town Election: May 12, 2020

Deadline for articles for the Town Meeting

Warrant: March 13, 2020

The warrant will be posted and available to the public on April 21, 2020.

## ECO-TIP

For Feb 14: Skip the roses! They have an enormous carbon footprint (climate-controlled flight from South America, and drenched with pesticides). Buy responsibly sourced, ethically traded chocolate to help reduce the deforestation of West African rainforests.

## Broadband Network Project:

Contract negotiations between Fiber Connect and MBI continue. The Town, Fiber Connect (FC), and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) are currently in the contracting phase of the project to bring broadband networking to the unserved areas of Egremont.

Bringing FC into the unserved areas of Egremont involves two separate contracts with separate negotiations. One is an agreement between FC and the Town covering all the requirements of a public procurement along with specifics about coverage area, technology, customer service, pricing, and several other terms. The other is a grant award agreement between FC and MBI covering the state's payment to FC for construction of the network, with provisions designed to protect the investment of public funds and ensure that taxpayers get their monies' worth.

The FC-Town agreement is finished though not yet signed. It has been fully reviewed by Town Counsel, and the Town is ready to sign off. FC and their lawyer are still reviewing it. We do not expect any significant issues as we have had numerous communications with FC on all provisions, and we believe we are in agreement on all matters. We have asked FC to expedite their final review.

FC and MBI are still in negotiations on the grant agreement. MBI has informally indicated to the Town that they are willing to approve a grant to FC so long as FC agrees to meet certain conditions and requirements. In concept, these conditions and requirements are reasonable enough; they deal with issues such as criteria for determining when the project is satisfactorily complete, when and under what conditions payment will be made to FC, how the state and the Town are protected if FC goes out of business or wants to sell itself to another Internet service provider, and so on. But we understand from FC that there are some sticking points in the details that still need to be worked out. The Town is not a direct party to the FC-MBI negotiations although we keep up to date through status check-ins with both of them. We have offered to do whatever we can to help move things along, and we have made clear to both FC and MBI that this is a pressing matter for the Town and have urged them to make this a top priority in their own organizations. By the way, if you have been following efforts over the years to bring broadband to Egremont, you may recall that for a very long time MBI refused even to recognize FC as a qualified Internet service provider. From that perspective, we have come a long way.

Looking ahead. Once the two agreements are in place, the next step will be for FC to apply to National Grid and Verizon for utility pole licenses to allow FC to hang their cables. These license applications require the utility companies to survey each pole and perform “make-ready” work to prepare for the attachment of FC’s cables. Utility pole license application fees and make-ready costs represent the largest component of the entire network buildout cost. FC has to pay these costs up front, which is why they will not file applications before the agreements are signed.

If a pole already meets all codes and regulations, and has the capacity to accommodate the

additional cables, there may be no (or only minimal) make-ready work for that pole. On the other hand, poles that are out of code compliance—or that would be rendered non-compliant if additional cables were attached—have to be restructured or replaced. The timeline for make-ready work is controlled entirely by the utility companies and is typically six months or more, sometimes much more. We have learned that the utility companies have a significant backlog of make-ready work in this region; moreover, their union contracts prevent them from subcontracting out this work. The bottom line is that the timing for make-ready work is unpredictable.

To mitigate the uncertainty of make-ready timing, FC will break down their construction plans into segments by geography within the unserved areas of Egremont, and they will file their utility pole license applications according to those segments. In so doing they will be able to begin actual construction work on each segment as make-ready is completed for that segment, and not have to wait for all poles in Egremont to be finished before they can start. Construction itself is fairly quick and straightforward, and FC will be “lighting up” subscribers as they proceed.

#### **ECO-TIP**

Energy vampires! The energy wasted (and carbon dioxide produced) really adds up. Printers, computers, phone chargers, TVs, recorders, and towel heaters consume energy when not in use. Look in that spare bedroom and see what’s “on.” Use a power strip, or just unplug. Buy a Kill-a-Watt meter (and share with friends).

#### **Board of Assessors:**

**Abatements:** Real Estate Tax Bills are in the mail. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of the bill to apply for an abatement.

The Assessor page on the Town website has links to state forms and tax information. You can also access the geographical informational system to see tax maps. If you have any questions, please give us a call or send us an email.

#### **Tax Impacts:**

Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Rate is \$9.49.

Fiscal Year 2019 was \$9.57.

While the relatively modest change in tax rate is encouraging, actual property tax impacts will vary from property to property.

Single family homes and small multifamily homes have been increased on average approximately 5% for FY2020, reflecting the continued strength in the real estate market. Residential land has been increased slightly in all neighborhoods for FY2020.

For example: An average single-family home value in FY19 was \$400,964 and the average tax was \$3,837. In FY20 an average single-family home value will be \$419,690 and the average tax will be approximately \$3,983.

Wishing you all a happy healthy new year!  
The Assessor's Office: 413-528-0182 ext.14; email [assessors@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:assessors@egremont-ma.gov)

### ECO-TIP

The wisest New Year's resolution: Get a Mass Save energy audit in 2020! Go to [www.masssave.com/en/saving/energy-assessments/homeowners](http://www.masssave.com/en/saving/energy-assessments/homeowners) or call 866-527-7283. Get free LED light bulbs, power strips, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, programmable thermostats.

### Conservation Commission:

Normally activities wind down in late fall, but this year has seen several "time dependent" projects, which required attention outside our holiday meeting schedule. In no specific order...

- Catamount . This project concerned the construction of a new water-storage pond near an existing one up on their hillside for snowmaking purposes. Easy enough, except part of the wetlands involved are in NY State and thus outside our jurisdiction. Worked with Catamount on how to deal with this. Following several site visits, we OK'd their proposal . Once completed, we revisited the area and subsequently voted to OK removal of protective silt fencing, which extended into ski trails. Signed off on project in early December.

- Ground-Mounted Solar Panels. This one was a bit tricky. The original proposal had two ground-mounted solar panels located in the center of wetlands. Working with the contractor and owner, we agreed on a revised plan, which placed the panels outside any wetlands and ran the conduit down a

"previously disturbed" (outside WPA jurisdiction) traveled field path to the owner's home for most of the way. Other WPA protective measures were included near a stream. Issue was giving approval so landowner could take advantage of solar tax breaks expiring at year's end.

- Karner Brook Erosion. Sometimes Karner Brook goes where it wants to go...and, unfortunately, for one family, it has recently cut sharply into a tall, steep brook bank next to their house; so much so that it threatens to undermine their porch. As with much of Karner Brook, this is a highly protected area and subject to numerous reviews by a number of State agencies. As a result, what started out as a simple review in June ended up in early December as a project that could not be done until summer 2020. Working with the home owners and local contractor, we approved a temporary "holding" solution, which required numerous straw bales staked against the failing bank. Issue, as noted, was providing "holding solution" for failing bank, endangering house.

There's a lesson in this last case: If one has a project that may involve one of our "brooks" or a significant wetlands area, plan ahead. Anything that can be handled simply, and locally, normally is dealt with expeditiously. Once the State is involved, we cannot predict a timeline.

And a final note that we will resume our normal meeting schedule in January, the second & fourth Thursday at 5:30, with hearings beginning at 5:30 and other business to follow.  
Happy New Year.

### Council on Aging:

Winter seems to have arrived early this year but your COA has numerous events and activities to keep you busy, active and safe.

The New Year starts off with our Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon which will feature Dave Katzenstein, Egremont First Responder. Dave will talk about First Aid and cover such topics as bleeding control, things to do and not do regarding possible heart attack, diabetic emergency, stroke and fall. Good things for all of us to know. Jim Noe, Highway Superintendent will also join



us to let us know how he and his crew go about keeping our roads plowed and safe.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> Librarian Lesliann Furcht will talk about the latest scams and how to be aware of them. Town Clerk Juliette Haas will also be there to tell us about voting procedures. 2020 is a busy election year with the first election, the Presidential Preference Primary, taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

As always, our luncheons take place at 12:00 at the Egremont Village Inn. You can let us know you're coming by call 528-0182 x 17.

Coffee Hours continue on the third Wednesday of each month. On January 15 we will meet at the Egremont Village Inn from 9:30 – 10:30. February 19<sup>th</sup> will find us at Mom's Café. Join us for a hot beverage and a chance to chat and socialize with your friends and neighbors.

Even though it's cold and snowy outside, we make it easy to stay active and fit. A Fitness Class is offered every Wednesday from 10:45 – 12:30 at the North Egremont Firehouse. Instructor Thea Basis encourages participants to work at their own pace and ability. The classes stress balance, strength, flexibility and aim to improve posture and energy level. Each class is followed by a light lunch. Cost is \$5.00 per session and you can join at any time.

Simon's Rock also offers a variety of Senior Wellness Programs. Aquatic Fitness is offered Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30. Walking Club meets on the indoor track on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30. Chair Yoga meets on Mondays from 11:30 – 12:30. All programs cost \$3.00 per session.

Both the Claire Teague Senior Center in Gt. Barrington and the Sheffield Senior Center offer a variety of exercise programs. You can check the schedules in our newsletter or check them online.

Help avoid slips and falls and get one of our "Sand for Seniors" buckets. They can be picked up at the Town Hall or you can call 528-0182 x 16 and we will deliver one to you. We ask that you sign your name when you take one so we can keep track of where they are. We also request that you return them in the spring so we can reuse them.

Our "Good Morning, Senior" Program is a great way to feel secure and safe in your home, particularly if you live alone. You call in to a designated number weekdays between 9:00 and

10:00. A volunteer answers your call and ensures your well being. If you don't call, we will call you. If no one answers a Police Officer will be dispatched to your home to insure that you are safe and well. Information and sign up sheets are available at the Town Hall or by calling 528-0182 x 16.

The Town also has a variety of medical equipment that is available for you to borrow. If you are in need call 528-0182 x 17 and we will be sure and get what you need.

October, 2020 is the date by which you need to have your new enhanced Driver's License. COA has information packets which will help ensure that you have all the correct information when you go apply for this license. They are available at the Town Hall.

Your COA applied for and received a grant to establish our own Egremont COA webpage. You can view this site by going to [egremontcoa.org](http://egremontcoa.org). We hope you find this site useful. Please feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

As always, your COA is here to assist you. Please contact us if we can be of assistance or just to chat. 528-0182 x 16



*(COA December luncheon at Egremont Village Inn.  
Photo credit Peg Muskrat)*

#### **ECO-TIP**

Buying an appliance? Look for the Energy Star label. Find rebates at [www.energystar.gov/rebate-finder](http://www.energystar.gov/rebate-finder).

#### **Emergency Management:**

If you or someone you know would like to be checked on in an emergency such as severe weather events or power outages, please let us know! You may call or email the Town Hall or the Police Department and we would be happy to check in with you if the need

arises. If you would like to change or add your contact information in the Town's Alert System, please let us know the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses. To assure the contact information we have is accurate, please let us know at 413-528-0182 ext 17 or email [wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov)

As the winter season approaches, it is important to be prepared!

Check flashlights and portable radios to ensure that they are working, and you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm.

Ensure that your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are working correctly and have fresh batteries. Check your outside fuel exhaust vents, making sure that they are not obstructed by snow or ice. Never use cooking equipment intended for outside use indoors as a heat source or cooking device.

Make sure you always have a well-stocked Winter Home Emergency Supply Kit that includes flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, bottled water, non-perishable food and a manual can opener.

Please note that during a power outage, National Grid may not be aware of your individual situation. Make sure they are aware of your loss of power by calling them at 800-322-3223. Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

#### Fire Department:

Date	Time	Call #
Location		Type
10/25/2019	4:51 PM	164
Baldwin Hill N/S		Medical
10/25/2019	11:56 PM	165
Mountain Rd Mt. Washington		Medical
10/30/2019	4:17 AM	166
Cross Rd. Mt. Washington		Medical
10/31/2019	4:28 PM	167
Jug End Rd.		Alarm/False
11/1/2019	12:40 AM	168
Under Mountain Rd.		Medical
11/1/2019	8:56 AM	169
Lakeside Dr.		Medical
11/3/2019	8:09 AM	170

Baldwin Hill N/S		Oven Fire
11/3/2019	5:46 PM	171
Shun Toll Rd.		Alarm/Smoke
11/4/2019	1:52 PM	172
Egremont/Sheffield Rd.		Outside Fire
11/4/2019	6:39 PM	173
UNDER Mountain Rd.		Medical
11/9/2019	8:43 PM	174
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
11/10/2019	12:10 AM	175
Second St.		Smoke Alarm
11/10/2019	4:30 AM	176
Creamery Rd.		Alarm/False
11/11/2019	1:42 PM	177
Creamery Rd.		Alarm/False
11/12/2019	11:05 PM	178
Baldwin Hill N/S		Medical
12/1/2019	4:36 PM	180
Main St.		Alarm/False
12/2/2019	12:55 PM	181
East St. Mt. Washington		Alarm/False
12/4/2019	3:10 PM	182
Cross Rd. Mt. Washington		Medical
12/9/2019	11:06 PM	183
Lakeside Dr.		Structure Fire
12/9/2019	7:48 PM	184
Silver St. Great Barrington		Structure Fire
12/10/2019	1:20 PM	185
Egremont Hight's		Medical
12/11/2019	9:07 AM	186
Stahl Rd. Sheffield		Alarm/False
12/14/2019	5:22 PM	187
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
12/15/2019	1:15 AM	188
West St. Mt. Washington		Structure Fire
12/15/2019	3:51 PM	189
West St. Mt. Washington		Rekindle

#### ECO-TIP

In cold weather, don't warm your car by remote or by idling. That was good for cars built before 1980 but is actually worse for the newer fuel-injection engines. Both engine and interior will warm faster with driving. Just try to keep rpms low for 10 minutes.

#### Egremont Garden Club

Members of the Egremont Garden Club spent many hours this past year on civic projects in the Town.

We maintained the garden at the entrance to Hillside Cemetery, the plantings at the Town Hall and on the Green in the south village, the garden at the Egremont Free Library, the triangle at the intersection of Creamery Rd. & Rte. 23, and the bridge boxes on Buttonball Lane and Egremont Sheffield Road. The club plants annuals in the bridge boxes several times from April to October and members contribute their time and effort to the daily watering regimen.

The club hosted their annual Plant Sale at the end of May at the First Congregational Church. This event is the major fundraiser for the club and the proceeds fund a college scholarship for a graduating senior from Mt Everett Regional High School.

Every August the club provides mugs of flowers to the Meals-on-Wheels program and then holiday mugs of greenery in December. Holiday centerpieces are created for the Great Barrington Senior Center. Our members make and distribute the holiday wreaths that adorn all the public buildings in North and South Egremont. The club also decorates the bridge boxes for the holidays.

The Egremont Garden Club meets monthly from April thru November. New members are always welcome. To join, contact the club at [egremontgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:egremontgardenclub@gmail.com) or any member for more information.

#### **Town Clerk:**

Happy New Year Egremont!

The town's annual street list/local census is scheduled to be mailed to all full-time residents in early January. Please review the form, make any necessary changes, sign and return back to the Town Clerk. The return of this form greatly helps the town keep accurate resident and voter records.

2020 is a Federal Census Year and this is the first year of on-line filing. In March you will receive a notice from the Census Bureau. It is imperative that the Census Bureau receive an accurate count of every resident. Please do your best to respond.

Following is the election schedule for 2020:

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Presidential Primary,  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Local Election, 10:00 am –  
7:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, State Primary, 7:00 am  
– 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Presidential Election,  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm

All elections are held in the North Egremont Fire House, 175 Egremont Plain Road.

If you are an active voter there is no need to reregister to vote. If you are unsure of your registration status, go to this website to check or call Town Hall:  
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

Unless your party of choice is "Unenrolled" you will have no choice of the party ballot you can receive in a primary. Registered Democrats, Republicans, Green Party, Libertarians, etc. can only receive a primary ballot for their party candidate. You can change your party if you wish by filling out a new voter registration form. Forms are available online of the following website or at Town Hall:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

Early Voting will be in place for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Primary and the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Election one week before the election during regular Town Clerk hours. In Egremont those regular hours are Monday- Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Early Voting Saturday hours will be announced.

Finally, Absentee Voting is available for all elections if you cannot come to the polling station on election day for either scheduling or medical reasons. If you need to vote absentee, you must first fill out an application and submit it to the Town Clerk's office. That application is available at the following website, or at Town Hall:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf>

#### **Water Department:**

The Department continues its leak detection program; replacement of older infrastructure is ongoing. The Water Department saves process time (and money) by treating less water as a result of these efforts.

As the colder weather sets in, remember to check outside hose faucets! If the spigot is not frost proof, it should be drained to avoid freezing.

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day? A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

**Toilet Leaks** are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the water in the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

**Faucet Leaks** are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned off firmly, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17. Happy Holidays!

### Winter Reminders:

Welcome to winter. We have had a large snow storm that then melted when we had lots of rain which made lots of ice so far. Our road crew does a great job on keeping our roads clear. Some things you need to keep in mind.

1. They don't deliberately fill the end of your driveway with snow. They can't lift their plow up as they go past driveway. And, unfortunately, all snow plows dump the snow to the right, off of the road. You may want to make sure your plow person doesn't do your driveway until your road is plowed because if he does it first then our crew will put a pile of snow at the end of your driveway.

2. Our crew tries very hard to protect your mail box, but often times the snow is very heavy, which means that it is likely to fly off the plow with additional force. It may take down your mailbox. Our crew is very good about fessing up if they actually hit a mail box. The Town will only replace a

mail box that has been physically hit by a town plow truck. If your mail box is taken down by the weight of the snow that is on you not the town. Residents are advised to secure their **mailboxes** against possible damage from snow removal operations.

3. Our crew can't be every where at once. Yes we know you need to get to work. We have only so many bodies and vehicles. If they haven't done your road yet, be patient, they will be there very soon. They get up very early in the morning to try to assure all roads are clear for those going to work.

4. Ice storms are impossible to keep ahead of. Ice from melt and draining is also very hard to keep on top of. Please proceed with extreme caution in such conditions.

5. No person other than an employee of the Highway Department shall **push, pile, plow, or blow snow or ice onto a town or county road** that impedes the flow of traffic. Whoever violates this resolution shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 per offense and be rolled into a snowball with only head and feet sticking out.

6. Winter sand is available to all residents, for private use only, in buckets only, in the large sand shed by Town Hall. If you are elderly or physically unable to get sand a town official or employee will deliver a small bucket to you. Call 528-0182 ext 24 and speak to Peg Muskrat.

7. If you are away for the winter months, please make sure someone is keeping your driveway clear in case emergency personnel need to get to your house.

### Historical Commission:

In this issue of the Newsletter, the Egremont Historical Commission would like to acknowledge the steadfast and generous leadership of the former commission chair Susan Bachelder.

Under Susan's leadership the EHC has remained a voice in the community and a source and resource for residents and researchers in Egremont. The EHC has also had a seat at the table at many and various State conferences and symposia. Under her vision projects such as April Hill were given direction and guidance. A continuing effort to update and enlarge the MACRIS (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System) files on individual properties throughout Egremont has continued. Also, bringing her vision and attention to such interesting projects ranging from modular kit houses to vintage roadside signage.



It is with gratitude that we wish Susan well on her many and varied endeavors in the future, and with great enthusiasm that we welcome Rebecca Turner as chair on the EHC. Rebecca's several years service as a member on the Commission have proven that she will be an excellent leader.

Projects that the EHC will keep its attention on for the upcoming year are the planned restructuring of Main Street / Routes 23 and 41 in the South Village, working with residents and consultants in continuing to update MACRIS files for individual properties, the Oral History program (shepherded by commission member Barbara Kalish), and the continued upgrading and protection of the Town's archive of historical objects and documents.

We look forward to new projects in the new year and new resident members joining the commission, adding their expertise and voice to the continuing effort.

Please feel free to visit the Archives or attend an EHC meeting on the first Saturday of each month, 10:00am to 12:00pm, or visit the website at [www.egremonthistoricalcommission.org](http://www.egremonthistoricalcommission.org)

#### **Planning Board:**

Our first objective of 2020 will be completing our work on the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bylaw. After receiving input from the Housing Committee and citizens, the Planning Board revised its proposed ADU Bylaw. The Planning Board hopes to meet again with the Housing Committee to review the revised draft. Once the proposed bylaw is finalized, we will hold a public hearing to receive your input. We are planning to bring an ADU bylaw to you for a vote at the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

We expect much of our efforts in 2020 will be directed towards drafting a marijuana bylaw. We will be looking for input from the public during our regularly scheduled meetings, as well as at marijuana-specific information meeting(s). Once we have completed a draft bylaw, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing.

Also in 2020, the Planning Board hopes to revisit the issues of (1) creating separate zoning districts within the town, and (2) the regulation of residential ground-mounted solar panels. Discrete zoning districts would allow the Planning Board to customize bylaws to different areas of town, where

traffic, population density, lot size, and neighborhood character may differ. Controlling the location of ground-mounted solar panels will help to reduce any negative impact on an abutter's property value and on a neighborhood.

You are always welcome to attend Planning Board meetings. We set aside time every meeting to hear from citizens. The Board usually meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm in the second-floor Planning Board meeting room, but as times and days may change, we recommend that you check the agenda on the Town's website or at Town Hall.

The Planning Board wishes you a healthy and peaceful New Year.

#### *Meeting schedule:*

*Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.*

*Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon*

*or by appointment*

*Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment*

*Council on Aging - Meetings as posted. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.*

*Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.*

*Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am*

*Selectboard - Generally meetings every other Tuesday evenings 6pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.*

*Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment*

*Cemetery Commission - first Friday of every month at 8am. Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth*

*Thursdays 7:00pm*

*Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.*

*Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474*

*Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.*

*School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library*

*Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm*

*Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm*

*or by appointment*

*Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm*

*Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm*



Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall  
Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed  
To reach a board member or to leave a message  
please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

*Business listings:*

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

*Support local businesses:*

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -  
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 [prospectlk@aol.com](mailto:prospectlk@aol.com)

[www.prospectlakepark.com](http://www.prospectlakepark.com)

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

[www.innsweetwater.com](http://www.innsweetwater.com)

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-

Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

[www.swisshutte.com](http://www.swisshutte.com)

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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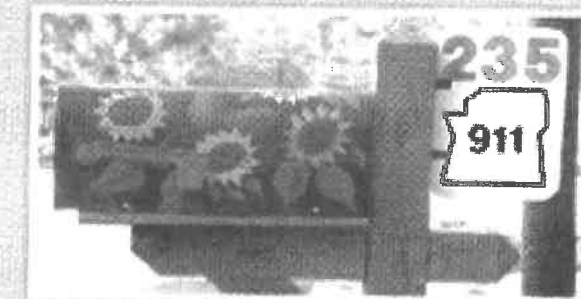
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